

"Come and see," said Philip
Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor!

Sunday 22 February 2009

**Last Sunday after Epiphany
- Transfiguration**

8am & 10am Eucharist:

the service begins on page 119 of the (Green) Prayer Book.

Readings:

2 Kings 2.1-12 Psalm 50.1-6, page 272
2 Corinthians 4.3-12 Mark 9.2-9

**10am Hymns: Together in Song; 143, 234, 238 &
Memorial Hymn for Australian People**

Visitors are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

At 10.00am Communion bread is administered first, then the small cup for intinction (dipping). The two common cups for sipping follow.

Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Ray Williamson

Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

8am:

Sidespeople: Volunteer

Reader: Shane Woodburn

10am:

Lay Minister: Rev'd Linda Anchell

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Sidespeople: Helen Palethorpe, Brian McKinlay & James Kim

Children's Ministry Helper: Ruth McGorman Mann

Bible Readers: 1st Brian McKinlay, 2nd Richard Adams

Communion Servers: Leighton Mann & Doreen Sengati-Odom

Items for the Pewsheets and names for the Prayer list (add or remove), please forwarded to Leighton by Thursday!
leighton.ruth@grapevine.com.au or 6161 7133

Dear Friends,

Welcome to St Philip's for our celebration of the Eucharist this morning as we come to the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany and the Sunday before Lent. We have come to the time when we are about to begin again the Lenten

journey towards Good Friday and Easter.

For many, part of that journey will include participation in one of the study groups that will be meeting throughout Lent. It is good to note that twenty five people from the St Philip's congregations have indicated their intention to join one of the groups. May I remind you of the arrangements for those studies.

For the study that is being led by Erica, Grace to You, the groups will meet at Holy Cross on Monday evenings at 7.30 (commencing on 2nd March) and Thursday mornings at 10.30 (commencing on 5th March).

Both groups for the study, A Journey through the New Testament, will begin this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, immediately after the morning and evening Eucharist.

Please remember that on Ash Wednesday, the Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes will be held at 10.00am and at 7.30pm.

This is a very significant day in our Christian year, and I hope that you will be able to be here to begin your own Lenten journey in this way.

Another feature of today, Sunday, is that it has also been declared a National Day of Mourning for the victims of the bush fires, and so it is appropriate that we have an observance of it during our worship this morning.

Finally, I want to remind you again of the parish's Annual Meeting – next Sunday, 1st March - and in preparation for the election of Church Wardens and Parish Council Members, there are still some nomination forms available this morning. Please return them to Shane Woodburn or Fiona Dyer or myself as soon as possible. Thank you.

Every blessing to you all for this week, Ray.

Five Key Points from Parish Council – February Meeting:

1. The AGM of the Parish is to be held on the 1st of March. Report booklet available www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au or limited number in foyer. All reports must be available for viewing prior to the meeting as no reports will be read during the AGM.
2. Nominations for positions on Parish Council are open and nomination can be submitted to the Secretary prior to the meeting. Please consider this as a contribution you can make to the running of the parish. We have a number of people retiring from Parish Council this year as they are at the end of their 2 year term. The task is not onerous - particularly if shared about.
3. St Philip's Day will be celebrated in the Parish with a shared lunch following the Service on the 3rd of May.
4. The parish car has been sold
5. Our parish profile has been drafted and the selection process for a new rector has commenced. A parish meeting was held on the 18th of February to meet with Rev Sarah McNeil to discuss our needs.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The World: to know what humanity is doing to the planet and for changes to be made.

With Christians in France and Germany we pray for immigrants and refugees.

The Anglican Church in: Melbourne: Archbishop Philip Freier;

Diocese of Sydney: Archbishop Peter Jensen, Clergy and People.

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P.O. Box 6022 O'CONNOR, A.C.T. 2602
Acting Rector (Part time): Rev'd Ray Williamson
Children's Ministry Co-ordinator: Belinda Young Hon. Deacon: Rev'd Linda Anchell
Hon. Priests: Rev'd Doug Bannerman & Rev'd Jeannette McHugh.
Wardens: James Kim, Doreen Sengati-Odom & Roger Sharp

St John's, Wagga Wagga: John Stead, clergy and people and their ministries in hospitals, schools and juvenile justice.

Pray for: The work of evangelism in every Parish and institution throughout the Diocese.

Our Parish: the process of the clergy appointments board; Denise, Ian and Chris.

Our Community: Australia, as we pause to remember victims of the Victorian bushfires.

Those in need: Shirley Barrett, Stewart Barrett, Clive Lowes, Mira Barratt, Peter, Christine Smith, David Marsden, Mervyn McInnes, Helen Gorrell, Paul & Elissa, Melissa & Samuel, Joan Ponsonby.

The Departed: Howard Done, 25/2/87

The Saints: Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (d.c.155); Matthias, Apostle and Martyr; George Herbert, parish priest and poet (d.1633)

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 10am: Ash Wednesday Service - Holy Communion
5pm: Evening Prayer
7.30pm: Ash Wednesday Service
Friday 10am-1pm: Pandora's OPEN – Barbara Dowley & Rhonda Evans
Saturday 10am-1pm: Pandora's OPEN – Jeannette McHugh & Philida Sturgiss-Hoy

NEXT SUNDAY

8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings: Genesis 9.8-17 Psalm 25.1-10 1 Peter 3.18-22 Mark 1.9-15

Rosters: Cleaning: Volunteer
Flowers: Lent – no flowers
8am: Sidespeople: John Girdlestone
Reader: John Girdlestone
10am: Sidespeople: Chris Cheah & Roger Sharp
Bible Readers: 1st Brian McKinlay, 2nd Richard Adams
Communion Servers: Tim Gowty & Denise Manley
Morning Tea: Volunteer or no Morning Tea!!!

Weekly Offering/income needed to operate our Parish \$2000 per week, excludes rental income.

Offerings received 15 February: \$949.65 + EFT \$508 = \$1457.65. **Shortfall \$642.35**

Pandora's income 13 & 14 February \$118.20

Victorian Bushfire Appeal \$280.60 Donation \$40.00

WHAT'S ON @ ST PHILIP'S

Liturgy Team Meeting Today, Sunday 22 February, following 10am Service

Ash Wednesday Services Wednesday 25 February, 10am & 7.30pm

Working Bee Saturday 28 February, 9am - 12 noon

Call for volunteers and also for refreshments to be supplied, please see Ben or Fiona Dyer for further details.

St Philip's Annual General Meeting Sunday 1 March, following 10am Service

Report booklet available www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au or limited number in foyer.

Leith Hillman & Chris Dudfield's Wedding Thursday 5 March, 4pm

Leith & Chris are getting married at St Philip's and would like to invite their friends from the parish to join them at the ceremony, followed by drinks and the cutting of the cake in the Courtyard.

Pandora's @ O'Connor - Autumn Fashion Launch & Brunch
Saturday 14 March

J.S. Bach St John Passion Friday 27 March, 8pm All Saints, Ainslie
Sunday 29 March, 3pm St Philip's, O'Connor

Igitur Nos and CAMRA are joining forces to present Bach's *St John Passion* in Lent.
Refreshments by Food @ St Philip's (both locations).

Gala Cabaret Supper Saturday 18 April, 8pm

A fund raiser for the Organ Restoration fund, presented by CAMRA & Food @ St Philip's

St Philip's Market Morning Saturday 9 May, 8am – 12 noon

Trash & treasure, Pandora's, Plants, Sausage sizzle, Morning Tea, and space for your own stall. Please see Leighton for details.

Christians for an Ethical Society (CES)

CES is holding a public forum with speaker the Right Reverend Greg Thompson, former Rector of St John's Anglican Church, Reid and now Bishop of the Northern Territory.

Topic: "White Man's Dreaming: The NT Intervention".

When: Monday, 23 February at 730pm.

Where: Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Barton.

For details see: http://www.ces.org.au/current_forum.htm.

Contact: Heather McLaren 6291 4537

FOR SALE – Mitsubishi Magna Wagon

May and Luke Forau have returned to the Solomon Islands but were unable to sell their car prior to leaving. So an automatic 1999 Mitsubishi Magna Wagon is temporarily residing at Denise's house, waiting for a new owner. If you know anyone who would be interested in this vehicle, please speak to Denise, 6254 2838 or 0414 309 469.

Leighton, Ruth & Zara have moved, their new contact details are:

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MEMORIAL HYMN FOR AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE BUSHFIRES 2009

Note: Shirley Murray wrote this hymn on 12 February 2009, in response to the Victorian bushfire disaster. She chose the theme and tune of "Now thank we all our God" because Martin Rinkart wrote his much-loved hymn after ministering to people dying from the plague in Saxony in the 17th century, and after conducting funerals for around 5000 plague victims, including his wife.
Ms Murray gives free permission for its use throughout Australia.

Now thank we all our God
for lives beloved and cherished,
the brave who faced the flames,
the young and old who perished,
for those who fight the fires
that sear our country's soul,
for all who give relief
to comfort and make whole.

No tears can stem this grief
through outback, town or city,
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